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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director
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Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT: SANDAG FSTIP AMENDMENT NUMBER 5

We have completed our review of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) Amendment Number 5 to the 1996/97 - 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated April 7, 1997. This amendment was adopted by SANDAG through Resolution No. RC97-10 dated February 28, 1997. We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 as revised by the Metropolitan Planning Rule issued October 28, 1993, and effective November 29, 1993.

We find that this amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134. The project included in this amendment has been previously found to be in conformance and therefore requires no additional conformity determination.

This finding has been coordinated with the regional offices of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode TIP Amendments dated March 8, 1996.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of SANDAG's TIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 1996/1997 - 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Our approval is based on Caltrans' assurance that the funding for the projects in this amendment is already within the approved FSTIP Financial Plan and therefore does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely yours,

For:
David H. Densmore
Division Administrator